B. Basic/Wireless in Local Loop Services

Particulars	Basic/WLL
Monthly fixed charges in Rs.	299
Rate per Metered call Unit in Rs.	1.00
Pulse rate in seconds	
Local to Fixed/WLL (Own Network)	180
All other calls including (Intra/inter circle calls)	60

Waiting list of telephones in Bihar

†736. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the waiting list for telephone connections in Bihar and the status of the waiting list as on 1st July, 2004, district-wise; and

(b) the details of plan for extension of telephone network in Bihar and the time-frame within which this waiting list would be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The requisite information is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) In Bihar, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has planned for addition of one lakh lines of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) capacity comprising of 136 Base Trans-receiver Stations (BTS) and have also proposed to commission 91,000 lines of new technology switches. The existing waiting list for telephone connections in the State is likely to be cleared by the end of December, 2006.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Total and District-wise Waiting List for Telephone Connections in Bihar Circle

Sl. No.	Name of District	As on 01.07.2004	As on 31.01.2006*
1.	Ara	4389	2163
2.	Buxar	3390	2031
3.	Bhagalpur	1196	1037
4.	Banka	931	179
5.	Betiah	3259	4752
6.	Begusarai	5072	3118
7.	Chhapra	7938	4482
8.	Siwan	8132	6976
9.	Gopalganj	6980	2424
10.	Darbhanga	6124	7033
11.	Gaya	2941	4896
12.	Arwal	826	1422
13.	Nawadah	1186	3442
14.	Aurangabad	1021	1448
15.	Jehanabad	1704	4264
16.	Vaishali	3778	4579
17.	Katihar	608	490
18.	Purnia	548	402
19.	Araria	465	260
20.	Khagaria	4544	2833
21.	Kishanganj	577	1027
22.	Motihari	6434	1594
23.	Munger	2106	336

Sl. No.	Name of District	As on 01.07.2004	As on 31.01.2006*
24.	Sheikpura	426	434
25.	Jammui	589	290
26.	Lakhisrai	462	7093
27.	Muzaffarpur	5338	2062
28.	Sitamarhi	5510	4058
29.	East Champaran	4847	4256
30.	Samastipur	2129	2714
31.	Sasaram	943	728
32.	Bhabua	948	1169
33.	Supaul	872	885
34.	Madhepura	489	743
35.	Madhubani	2637	5121
36.	Sheohar	806	745
37.	Patna	8762	1984
38.	Nalanda	6780	1275
	TOTAL:	115687	94745

Source : Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)
*Current Status

Telecommunication facilities in remote areas of Himachal Pradesh

†737. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to heavy snowfall in the winters, the tribal areas of Kinnaur, Lahaul-Spiti districts and Pangi and Bharmor divisions of Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh remain

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